

The Maruyama reference was cited allegedly to remedy the deficiencies of Murayama.

However, Maruyama does not teach or suggest selecting and setting a sending mode from plural types of sending modes based on sending destination information which is inputted or selected by a user, where the plural types of sending modes respectively relate to different transmission protocols, as claimed.

In Maruyama, **a facsimile mode is always selected as the sending mode**, and thus Maruyama does not teach or suggest selecting and setting the sending mode from plural types of sending modes, where the plural types of sending modes respectively relate to different transmission protocols. In other words, Maruyama discloses only a single type of sending mode: **facsimile mode**, so it would not be possible to select from "plural types of sending modes" in Maruyama.

For at least the reasons discussed above, the proposed combination of Murayama in view of Maruyama does not teach or suggest the Applicants' claimed invention.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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